

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Representative LEWIS, Senator GIROD; Representatives EVANS, POST, WILSON
(Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Specialist Nickolaus Gregory Gossack was born in Salem, Oregon, on January 4, 1987; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack grew up in Silverton, Oregon, after his family moved there in 1995, and he participated in many activities, including Cub Scouts and Little League baseball; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack was deeply affected by the 9/11 attacks, which occurred when he was a high school freshman, and afterward he frequently mentioned his desire to join the military; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack graduated in 2005 from Silverton High School, where he was an avid soccer player; and

Whereas for two years following graduation, Specialist Gossack owned and operated a retail nursery business while attending Chemeketa Community College, but he came to realize that military service was his true calling; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack enlisted in the United States Army in 2007, choosing to serve in the infantry because he wanted to defend the country he loved and to fight those who had attacked it; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack was deployed to Iraq in 2008 with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack was at his best as a driver of armored personnel carriers, making sure his fellow soldiers had backup support and a way out of danger; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack returned from Iraq in 2009 and was actively training for a second deployment when he was killed in an accident at Fort Hood, Texas, on June 20, 2010; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack received the following medals and decorations: Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack is honored and remembered at the Freedom Memorial Plaza in Silverton and the Illuminating Courage Military Memorial in Spokane, Washington; and

Whereas Specialist Gossack is survived by his parents, Greg and Shannon Gossack, his sister, Vanessa Gossack, many other family members and friends and his buddies in Bravo Company; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Specialist Nickolaus Gregory Gossack for his service to his country.

Adopted by House February 14, 2019

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate March 7, 2019

Peter Courtney, President of Senate